



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW3105

OCTOBER 31, 2005

Field Activity Slowing

As the winter season approaches, farmers are preparing their land and equipment for the cold weather. Rain during the early part of the week hampered field activity resulting in **3.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 30, 2005. **Corn** harvest is expected to be finished by mid November. **Corn** is over 88 percent harvested. **Soybean** harvest is well underway with over 46 percent harvested. Farmers expect to complete **soybean** harvest by the end of November.

Barley is over 83 percent planted, slightly less than last year and the five-year average. Recent rains have delayed **wheat** seeding. Currently 48 percent is seeded, 20 percent below last year and 15 percent below the five-year average.

A little progress was made for **other** and **alfalfa hay** and hay harvest is wrapping up for the season. Rain hampered the making of good quality hay. **Pasture** was rated in mostly good condition while **hay supplies** were mostly adequate.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	97	95	93	94
Corn for Grain	88	81	86	85
Soybeans	46	37	38	44
Planting Progress:				
Barley	83	74	89	90
Winter Wheat	48	40	68	63
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	94	90	93	94
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	87	87	89	90
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	58	57	84	88

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	2	79	19
Topsoil (2004)	-	12	78	10
Five Year Average	6	22	64	8
Subsoil Moisture	-	7	83	10
Subsoil (2004)	2	8	83	7
Five Year Average	8	22	65	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.03	43.37	9.44	62	32	47	-7
Easton	1.25	40.76	3.96	62	34	47	-9
Frederick	1.42	36.13	3.20	63	35	47	-2
Frostburg	2.15	34.15	-5.13	55	29	38	-9
Hagerstown	1.33	28.28	-4.09	60	35	45	-7
Mechanicsville	1.23	37.81	0.06	63	32	46	-8
Patuxent River	1.32	36.59	1.13	63	37	49	-6
Ocean City	1.14	36.78	-0.98	63	35	49	-6
Salisbury	1.07	42.37	3.98	62	29	46	-9
Sharpsburg	1.77	34.38	1.45	63	31	44	-5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.16	38.70	6.41	63	40	50	-7
Delaware							
Dover	2.51	45.87	8.52	61	36	48	-8
Georgetown	1.17	39.05	2.01	62	34	49	-5
Wilmington	0.75	33.08	-0.91	60	33	46	-7

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.